

Diarrhea Decision Tree

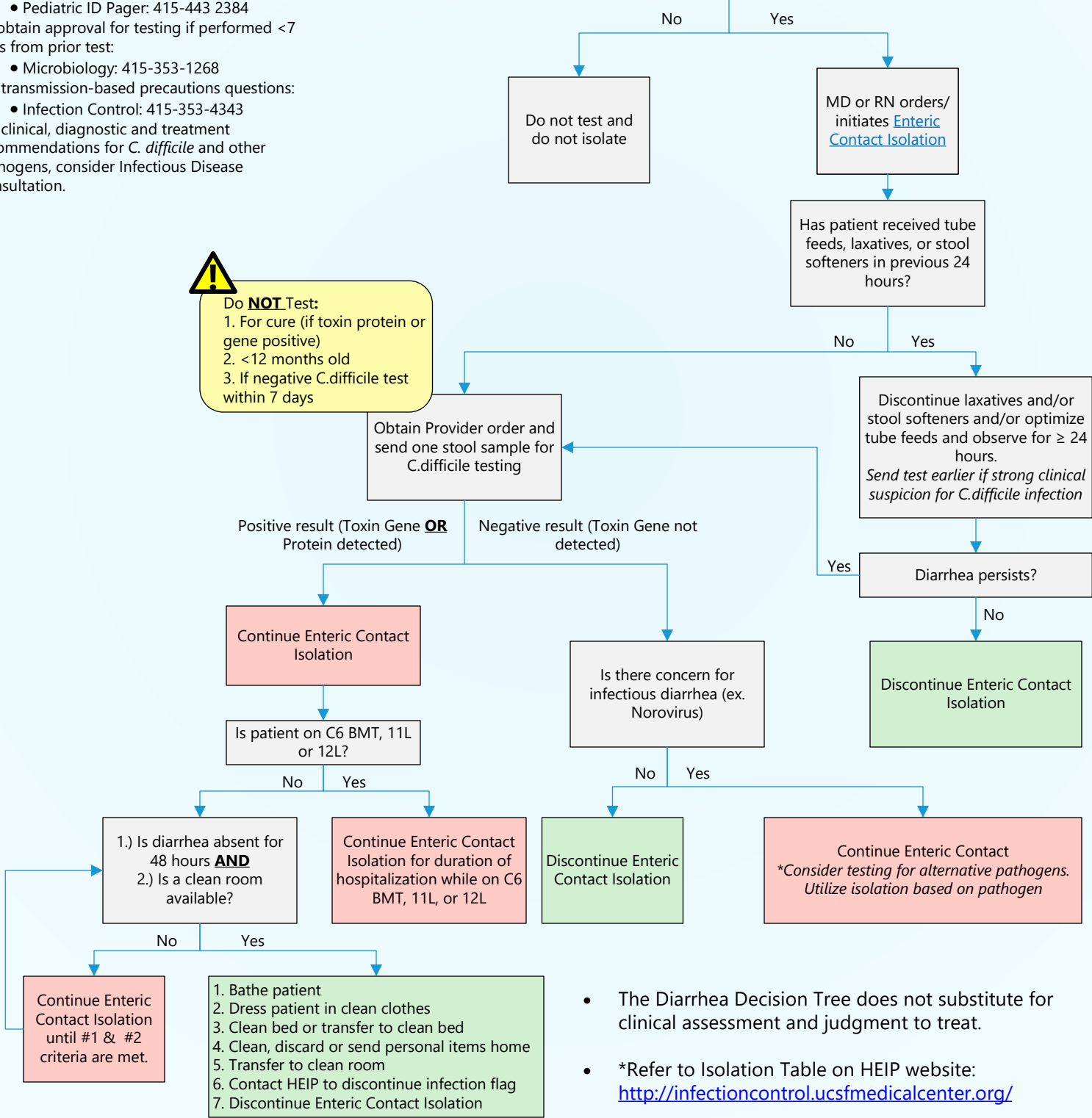


DIARRHEA = ≥ 3 loose stools in ≤ 24 hours due to suspected infectious diarrhea and/or different from patient's baseline stool function

Resources:
 To obtain testing approval for testing a patient <12 months of age:
 • Pediatric ID Pager: 415-443 2384
 To obtain approval for testing if performed <7 days from prior test:
 • Microbiology: 415-353-1268
 For transmission-based precautions questions:
 • Infection Control: 415-353-4343
 For clinical, diagnostic and treatment recommendations for *C. difficile* and other pathogens, consider Infectious Disease Consultation.



Do NOT Test:
 1. For cure (if toxin protein or gene positive)
 2. <12 months old
 3. If negative *C.difficile* test within 7 days



- The Diarrhea Decision Tree does not substitute for clinical assessment and judgment to treat.
- *Refer to Isolation Table on HEIP website: <http://infectioncontrol.ucsfmedicalcenter.org/>